

In favor of SB 468

https://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023_24/measures/documents/sb468_00_0000.pdf

I appreciate the Revenue Neutral Rate statute in that it provides a public forum to better express Consent (or disapproval) from the governed.

I'd like to express my approval of the additions of SB 468.

Our nation's founding principles of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are grounded in inalienable rights that all are subject to irrefutable natural laws for society including private property rights and 'Thou shall not steal'.

While paying taxes to government so that government can secure our individual rights is a necessary endeavor, it is a less painful endeavor to the taxpayer when we know those funds are being spent for the good of society in ways that nearly all can benefit either in the short term or long term.

Now, property taxes are another animal. If indeed, we as US citizens uphold the right to acquire and sell private property, how is it that something a citizen owns can be taken from them by the government if they don't pay the government a seemingly ever-increasing arbitrary sum of money in order to keep what s/he owns? Are we "renting" our own property from the government?

And so, I ask you to do what you can to rein in property tax increases. If a taxing entity grants relief to certain groups, then that taxing entity should be restricted from raising taxes on everyone else! Regular people have to stay within their means. We can't just raise our own revenue because we declare it so, and yet the government can at this point, raise taxes on private property without our consent. Please do what you can to represent your constituents and stop runaway property taxes. Please don't allow for the picking of favorites *at the risk and expense of* regular citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

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